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(54) **Clutch disc assembly with reinforcing plate welded thereto**

(57) A clutch driven disc assembly (10) includes a hub (14), an annular spring plate (26), an annular disc (30), a plurality of drive springs (18), and a disc assembly (16). The hub has an axis of rotation (12). The annular spring plate rotatably is fixed to the hub. The annular disc assembly is mounted concentric with the axis of rotation for rotation relative to the spring plate. The plurality of drive springs is operably disposed between the spring plate and the disc assembly. The disc assembly has a reinforcing plate (31) with spring pockets (33) which receive the drive springs. The reinforcing plate has oppositely facing faces. The annular disc has a friction element (34) fixed thereto and also has a plurality of attachment apertures (42) passing therethrough. The weld bead (44) is disposed in each of the attachment apertures and fixes the annular disc to one of the reinforcing plate faces.

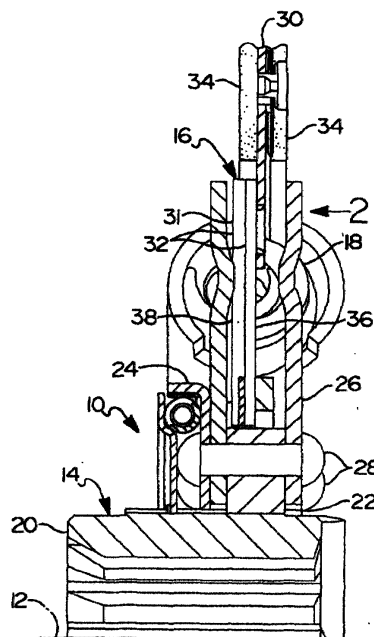
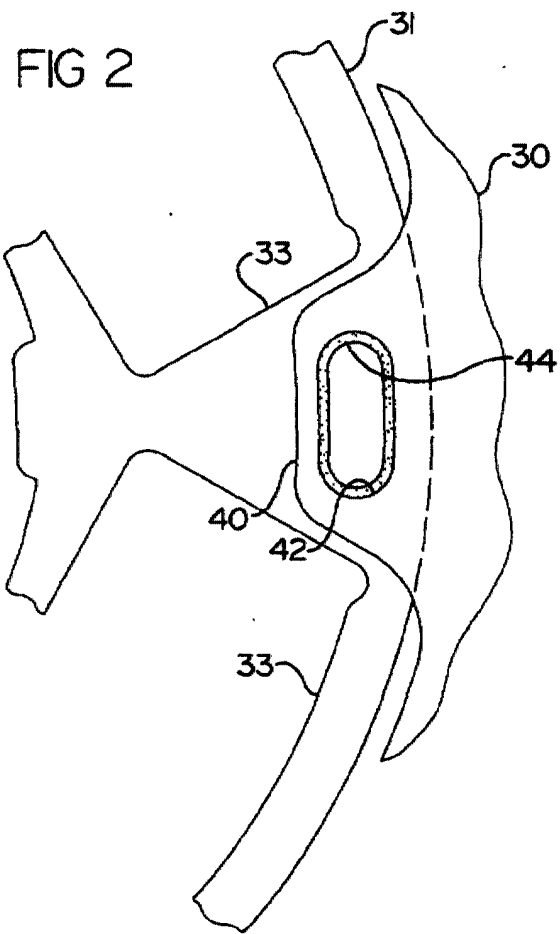


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